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St. Michael Man Sentenced on Federal Firearm and Drug Charges

FARGO - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on February 10, 2011, **James P. Driver** of St. Michael, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Ralph R. Erickson on charges of possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Driver, 29, pleaded guilty on November 4, 2010, to possessing a Hi-Point, Model CF380, .380 ACP caliber pistol, one loaded magazine clip, three rounds of .22-250 caliber ammunition and one round of .22 LR caliber ammunition. Convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition. Driver had previously been convicted of theft of property in 2001 and burglary in 2005, both Class C felonies. Driver also pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute marijuana. The incidents occurred in April 2010 on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.

Judge Erickson sentenced Driver to five years and five months in prison to be followed by two years of supervised release. Driver was ordered to pay a \$200 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Assistant United States Attorney Janice M. Morley prosecuted the case.

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